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SUBJ: CXT CLASSIFICATION FOR U.S. CRANBERRIES AND
BLUEBERRIES

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1. GERMAN PERMDEL NOW TELLS US THAT INFORMATION HE GAVE
US (REFTEL) REGARDING CHANGE IN EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR
CXT NO. 08.08 B AND C TO INCLUDE AMERICAN SPECIES OF
FRESH CRANBERRIES AND BLUEBERRIES IS WRONG. APPARENTLY
HE HAD MISUNDERSTOOD INFORMATION GIVEN TO HIM BY GERMAN
EXPERT. GERMAN PERMDEL SAYS THAT EIGHT MEMBER STATES
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OPPOSED THE GERMAN REQUEST TO INCLUDE AMERICAN CRANBERRIES
AND BLUEBERRIES UNDER THE MOST FAVORABLE EC CONCESSION
RATES. THE COMMISSION HAS DRAFTED A PROPOSAL TO
PROVIDE A SEPARATE TARIFF ITEM FOR AMERICAN BLUEBERRIES
AND CRANBERRIES, FULL DETAILS OF WHICH OUR GERMAN PERMDEL
SOURCE DID NOT HAVE AT THIS TIME. HE PROMISED TO GET
THE PROPOSAL FOR US FROM HIS COMMISSION CONTACTS.

GERMANY HAS APPARENTLY INDICATED IN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE COMMISSION ON THIS PROPOSAL THAT GERMANY WOULD VETO IT IF IT REACHED THE COUNCIL BECAUSE THE DUTY RATES PROPOSED WOULD NOT BE GATT-BOUND.

2. OUR SOURCE ALSO INQUIRED AS TO ANY ACTION OR COMMENTS THE UNITED STATES WOULD MAKE ON THE MATTER. WE TOLD HIM THAT WE WERE OF COURSE MOST INTERESTED IN HAVING OUR EXPORTS ENTER UNDER THE MOST FAVORABLE CONCESSION RATES, THAT IS, 08.08 B FOR CRANBERRIES AND 08.08 C FOR BLUEBERRIES. AT THIS STAGE, WE WERE NOT YET CLEAR AS TO OUR FULL LEGAL RIGHTS, NAMELY, WHETHER THE NEGOTIATING HISTORY SHOWED THAT IT WAS INTENDED FOR OUR EXPORTS TO BE INCLUDED UNDER THESE TWO TARIFF ITEMS WHEN THE CONCESSIONS WERE GRANTED BY THE EC.

3. PLEASE PASS ON INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH 1 TO HORST CLASS, OCEAN SPRAY CRANBERRIES, INC., AND PHIL SHERIDAN, NORTH AMERICAN BLUEBERRY COUNCIL. HINTON

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